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State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF LAW

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31, 1982

TO: David Longstreet  
Division of Waste Management  
FROM: David W. Reger, DAG  
SUBJECT: State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection  
v. Scientific Chemical Processing, et als

This is to confirm our recent telephone conversation regarding the above matter. In the past SCP owned and operated two chemical recovery operations which were located in Carlstadt and Newark, New Jersey. In 1977 suit was instituted by the Department against SCP seeking closure of these operations because of improper handling and storage practices. In 1981, former DAG Nathan Edelstein obtained an order requiring closure of both facilities. However, no relief or action was taken with regard to cleanup. A substantial amount of chemical waste presently remains on both sites.

The Department is presently in negotiations with the firm of Olsen and Hassold, Inc. in connection with their purchase of the Newark SCP facility. This corporation has agreed to cleanup the hazardous waste situated on the site before it begins business operations.

Based upon inspections by personnel from the Solid Waste Administration, it appears that the Carlstadt facility poses a threat to man and the environment. George Smajda has advised that chemicals are stored in an improper manner and in inadequate containers.

Barbara Greer of the Department's Office of Enforcement has advised me that a company contacted the Hackensack Meadowlands Commission seeking information with regard to purchase of the Carlstadt site. Apparently this company was considering purchasing this site under a similar arrangement to that of the Olsen and Hassold purchase discussed above. However, this contact was made several months ago, and I am not aware of any new developments. Accordingly, I recommend that the Department either amend the present complaint or file suit against SCP and its individual owners, the owner of the Carlstadt property and any generators who may be involved. I request that you review this matter and thereafter contact me in order that we can discuss further action to be taken.

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